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SUBJECT: FY 76 MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON ENERGY

TECHNOLOGY: HERMAN KRAEMER

REF: STATE 148064, BONN 09987

1. ADDITIONAL BIO DATA ON KRAEMER:

HOME ADDRESS: JUELICH, VICTOR GOLLANCZSTRASSE 9
PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR OF HIGH TEMPERATURE
REACTOR PROGRAM (HTR) AT THE FRG NUCLEAR RESEARCH
CENTER (KFA) AT JUELICH. IN THIS JOB HE DIRECTS ONE OF
THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF GERMAN NATIONAL ENERGY
PROGRAM, NAMELY, DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, INCLUDING USE OF NUCLEAR PROCESS
HEAT FOR PURPOSES SUCH AS GASSIFICATION OF
COAL. THIS LATTER CONCEPT UNIQUE TO GERMANY. KRAEMER
REPORTS DIRECTLY TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KFA,
SPECIFICALLY TO DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMS. IN
KRAEMER'S ROLE AS DIRECTOR, HTR, HE ALSO INTERACTS
DIRECTLY WITH GERMAN INDUSTRIES ACTIVE IN THE HTR
PROGRAM.

PHD STUDY: KRAEMER'S PHD RESEARCH INVOLVED EXPERIMENTAL
STUDIES IN X-RAY SPECTRA IN SOLID STATE PHYSICS,
SPECIFICALLY STRUCTURE OF ELECTRONIC BANDS.

ENGLISH ABILITY: EXCELLENT. WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM
PARTICIPATING IN SOPHISTICATED SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS.

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PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO U.S.: SEVENTEEN TRIPS, MOST RECENT

ONE IN APRIL THIS YEAR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THAT KRAEMER WAS NOMINATED AFTER SEVERAL OTHER LIKELY CANDIDATES INDICATED TO EMBASSY THEY UNABLE TO GO BECAUSE OF TIMING OF PROJECT. HE IS WELL-QUALIFIED AND WELL-RECOMMENDED BUT NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY OFFICERS PRIOR TO VISIT JUNE 25 WHEN IT WAS LEARNED FOR FIRST TIME HE TRAVELS FREQUENTLY TO U.S.

2. PERSONAL INTERESTS AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS: KRAEMER PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN ENERGY POLICY WITH EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR AND SOME ASPECTS OF COAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND HE WISHES TO JOIN THE "POWER TECHNOLOGY TEAM" DURING THE PROJECT. HIS INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO APPROPRIATE FACILITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN COAL TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED TOPICS. SINCE HE IS FAIRLY FAMILIAR WITH ERDA LABORATORIES AT OAK RIDGE AND LOS ALAMOS, HAVING VISITED BOTH ON PREVIOUS TRIPS TO U.S., KRAEMER SUGGESTS HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE IDAHO NATIONAL REACTOR TESTING STATION TO DISCUSS CHEMICAL REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY WITH EMPHASIS ON HTR FUELS. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT APPROPRIATE GENERAL ELECTRIC AND GENERAL ATOMIC FACILITIES.

3. NAME CHECK OK. KRAEMER ALREADY HAS MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA IN HIS PASSPORT.

4. WILL NEED GRANT FISCAL DATA BY CABLE BECAUSE OF TIME FACTOR.
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